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Saving lives

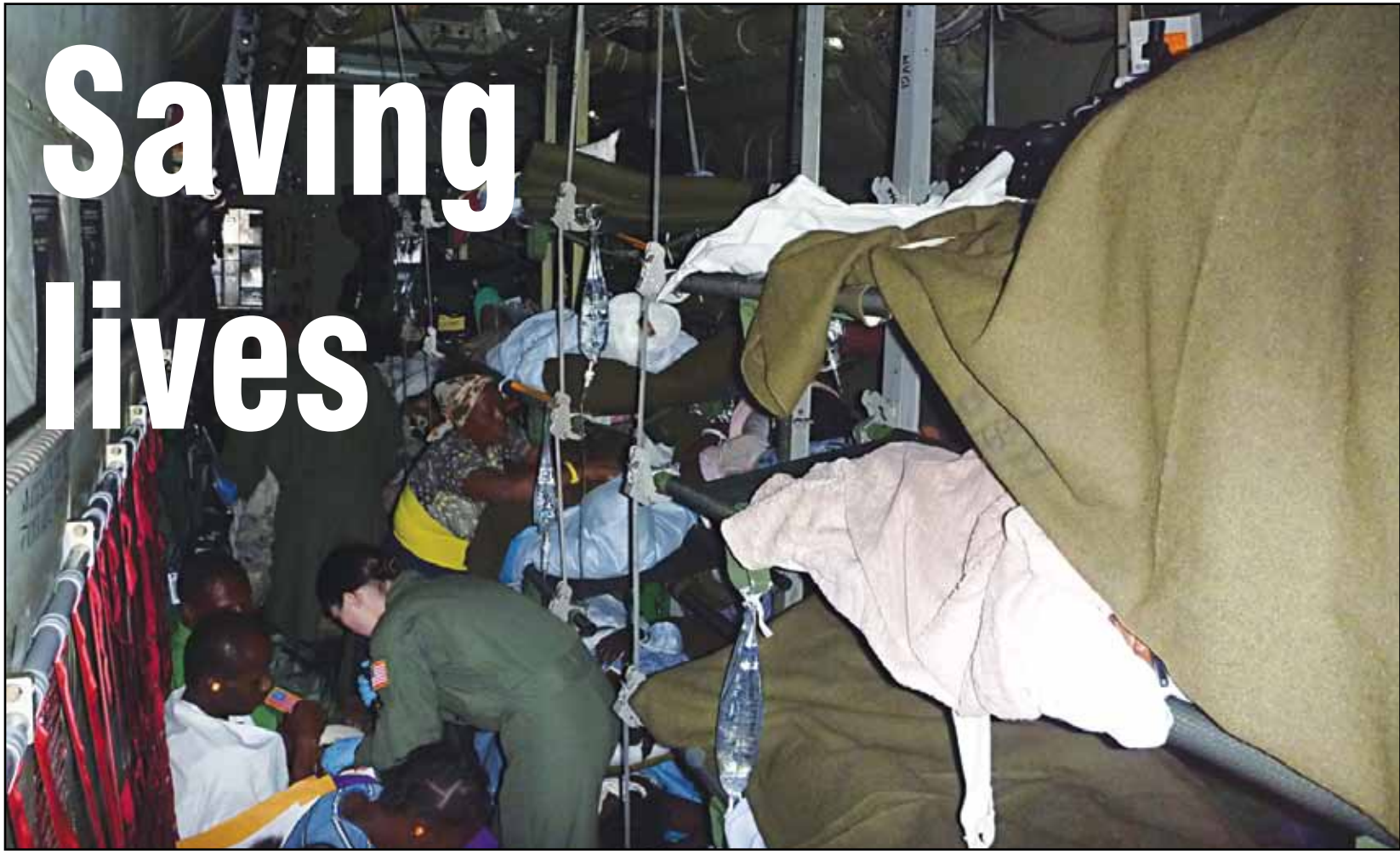


PHOTO BY CAPT. DOUGLAS STILES

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43rd AES saves lives in Haiti

By Senior Airman Kris Levasseur
Editor

A young Haitian girl sits on a litter bandaged from a recent head injury. Even though her injury was potentially life threatening, she smiles and writes in her book. She knows that she is lucky to be alive because she is one of

dozens of Haitians who received medical care and was evacuated to the U.S. by the 43rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. The 43rd AES deployed more than 25 personnel in various professions and disciplines to meet the strategic and tactical needs of the Haitian population. “From radio operators

and flight crews to nurses serving in the Contingency Aeromedical Staging facility, the squadron continues the motto of ‘Always the First’ in supporting the nation’s disaster demands,” said Capt. Douglas Stiles, 43rd AES mission training element chief. “We were one of the first AE teams deployed to evacuate the

sickest and most critical patients to receive care in the United States.” The 43rd AES has deployed three Aeromedical Evacuation crews in support of Operation Unified Response that have a combined total of nine missions. “My team has flown five missions out of Haiti and evacuated more than 44 patients; while doing so we’ve logged more than 40 hours and had the chance

to care for physically injured and emotionally devastated patients,” said Captain Stiles. “To date, this is more than any other Aeromedical Evacuation team.” Captain Stiles’ team consists of five members, two nurses and three aeromedical evacuation technicians. Every member of his team is well trained to support emergency operations just like this,

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Post-BRAC Pope Clinic provides same quality care

By Senior Airman Kris Levasseur
Editor

Proper medical care plays an important role in the military. It is important for every servicemember to maintain physical and mental preparedness and peace of mind that their medical needs and the needs of their families is well taken care of. That is the mission

of the 43rd Medical Group and that mission will not change during the transition to the 43rd Medical Squadron and post-BRAC. Even though the Pope Clinic will be transferring to the Army, the Airmen of the 43rd Medical Squadron, combined with the Soldiers of Womack Army Medical Center, will be dedicated to providing

the same medical care to servicemembers, dependants and retirees that it always has. “Post-BRAC, Womack will be responsible for the day-to-day operations and ancillary support of the Pope Clinic,” said Army Lt. Col. Michael Henry who will be the officer in charge of the clinic. “The most notable change that will be seen by the Pope Clinic

customers will be that they will see Womack employees at the front desk and in the lab or radiology. “Womack will also be in charge of taking care of the medical needs for dependants and retirees,” he added. “Airmen will continue to see the 43rd Medical Squadron staff. All patients will continue

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PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN KRIS LEVASSEUR

Lynette Johnson, 43rd Medical Support Squadron Administrative Assistant, assists a customer with checking in for a scheduled appointment at the front desk of the Pope Clinic.

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UP NEXT:

Little known Black/African American History Fact:

Madam C.J. Walker (December 23, 1867 – May 25, 1919) was the first female African-American millionaire.

Madam C.J. Walker, born Sarah Breedlove in Delta, La., was an African-American businesswoman, hair care entrepreneur and philanthropist. She developed her fortune by creating and marketing a highly successful line of beauty and hair products for black



women. Madam Walker developed a hair ailment which caused hair loss. She experimented with different ingredients until she developed a product that caused her hair to grow again quickly. Madam Walker later founded the Madam C.J. Walker Manufacturing Company and began selling and marketing her product called Madam Walker’s Wonderful Hair Grower, a scalp conditioning and healing formula. By 1917 she had the largest business in the United States owned by an African-American.

Notice

As of March 22, the Casualty Assistance Representative is moving from the Military Personnel Flight in Bldg. 308 to the Airman and Family Readiness Center. For more information, call 394-2486 or 394-4378.

Eye on safety

DUI Tracker

DUI tracking is current as of Wednesday

Days since last DUI 10
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DUIs for 2009 19

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For a free, anonymous ride home midnight to 6 a.m. Friday to Sunday, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 394-AADD/2233.

FLYER PERSPECTIVE



Each week the 43rd Airlift Wing highlights outstanding Airmen

Col. James Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, presented his Commander's Coin to Tech. Sgt. Herman Jackson, 43rd Force Support Squadron, for his exceptional performance beyond the call of duty.

Sergeant Jackson is the NCO in charge, Group Reservations and Guest Services Manager at the Carolina Inn. His duties include managing more than 220 rooms on base and utilizing up to 375 rooms with local contract hotels for overflow. He coordinates with local and off-station Reserve units to arrange on- and offbase lodging for weekend and annual tours. Also,



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Sergeant Jackson is the liaison between Wing Protocol, the Command Chief's office and the Prime Knight Manager to house Pope's distinguished visitors.

Sergeant Jackson's job performance is outstanding and was evident during the recent Haiti Relief efforts here at Pope. On the morning of Jan. 16, Sergeant Jackson and the Carolina Inn staff started the process of obtaining lodging for visiting air crews arriving at Pope to begin transporting members of the 82nd Airborne Corps to Haiti. During the initial hours Sergeant Jackson provided vital data to the Emergency Operations Center on current lodging availability both on and

off base, along with the Carolina Inn surge capacity. Working in conjunction with the Prime Knight office, rooms were located for more than 500 aircrew and maintenance support teams on and off base.

In addition, working a potential showstopper for the visiting aircrews, Sergeant Jackson worked closely with the 440th Services Flight to relocate 125 incoming 440th Airlift Wing members for their Unit Training Assembly weekend. Utilizing the Carolina Inn and local contract hotels, all incoming Reservists were relocated without any inconvenience to them or to the visiting aircrews.

I Am Pope Safety ... How about You?

By Lt. Col. Jerry C. Goff
43rd Airlift Wing

If you've been in the Air Force any length of time, you've heard commanders, supervisors and safety folks talk many times about being safe, both on duty and off duty, but have you really listened?

I agree safety messages can at times be mundane, repetitive and downright boring, especially if you believe you don't need to hear it...again! On the other hand, once you truly embrace the point of all those safety briefings, you will begin to pay closer attention to the message ... and start to understand the ramifications of not paying attention. At that point, you become your own safety representative. So, here goes...another safety message ... are you paying attention?

Safety really starts at home. How many of you get the proper rest before coming to work? How many of you eat healthy meals every day? How many of you

regularly exercise 30 minutes or more, a minimum of three times per week, like doctors say? Since I know all of you don't do each of those things all the time, I know your bodies and minds are not completely well rested, well nourished and full of energy. Taking care of your body helps you make sound decisions. Making sound decisions helps you understand and manage risk. When you think clearly, you are able to use personal risk management to decide whether or not to accept risks associated with your actions. When you don't take care of your body and mind, you get irritable, are easily frustrated, and rush into unwise decisions like drinking and driving.

Now you've all heard over and over about drinking and driving ... that you're not supposed to do it. Why? Answering that question points out the risks you should consider

before you take your first drink with car keys in your pocket. The most obvious risk is getting a DUI. The consequences from a DUI depend on how intoxicated you are, where you are stopped and the temperament of the judge in the court room afterward. These consequences range from embarrassment and inconvenience (no car) to financial hardship (fines and court costs) and potentially no job.

Despite those difficulties, they pale in comparison to the next level of risks. When you drink and drive, you also risk getting into an accident where the consequences are damage to property, personal injury to you and others, or even death. In the case of your death, an additional consideration is that an investigating officer will make a decision on your Line of Duty determination. If found Not in the Line of Duty,

which is likely if you drink and drive, your family will not get benefits from the Air Force after you die ... not a consequence you want to end with. To avoid becoming just another DUI or fatality statistic, become your own safety representative and don't drink and drive.

After taking care of yourself at home and avoiding the drunk-driving pitfall, you will be better prepared to take on those risky workplace actions once you arrive on base. If you already understand that every task has some risk associated with it, you are way ahead of the Operational Risk Management game. If not, take some time to evaluate your everyday tasks ... from office workers to heavy machine operators, risk is all around. The level of risk determines what actions you use to mitigate or minimize that risk to an acceptable level.

If the risk is too great, don't do the task! The Air Force has a formal six-step process to help us in our decision making.

Air Force Instruction 90-901 lists those steps as:

- Identify the Hazards
- Assess the Risk
- Analyze Risk Control Measures
- Make Control Decisions
- Implement Risk Controls

■ Supervise and Review Here's another way to look at the ORM process. Whenever you are about to accomplish a task: review what you are going to do; assess the surrounding conditions; assess the risks involved; use proper personal protective equipment; reference pertinent technical orders; and use smart, safe work practices.

If what you are about to do doesn't make sense (too risky, not safe, personnel in vulnerable position), don't do it! Reevaluate

a safer way to accomplish the task or seek assistance from your supervisor. A mishap that could be prevented is one too many mishaps! In the next few months expect to hear more about ORM as we reinvigorate our somewhat dormant wing ORM program. If you have a penchant for this type of work, let your supervisor and commander know ... we'll need a few good folks to inject enthusiasm into the program!

Hello! Are you still with me? I hope so, and I hope you embraced some of what I wrote about ... thank you for getting this far. You are well on your way to being your own safety representative. If you need additional information on ORM or other resources to top off your safety training, and to learn more about protecting yourself from yourself and others, stop by the Pope Safety Office on the first floor of Bldg. 900, or call us at 394-8389.

History Corner

By Dan Knickrehm
43rd Airlift Wing Historian

'Ready NOW!'

If you haven't already heard people yelling "Ready Now!" in various places around base be "ready" because you'll hear it soon. On Feb. 18 Col. James Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, announced the new rally call for Pope. When we hear someone say or yell "Team Pope", "Pope Field", "Pope" or even when Soldiers from Bragg say "Airborne" or "All the way" we should reply with a

resounding, confident "Ready NOW!"

So, what are the origins of the call? Colonel Johnson said he was looking for something that we could all rally around. The elements were simple: represent Pope's warrior ethos, easy to articulate, motivational, and mutually-supporting with the XVIII Airborne Corps and 82nd Airborne Division's Rally Call. The rally call is intended to focus Pope Airmen on being "Ready Now" to accomplish the mission at home station, "Ready

Now" to deploy, "Ready Now" for the transition to Pope Field, "Ready Now" to support the outload, airlift and support of the XVIII Airborne Corps and the 82nd Airborne Division, "Ready Now" for any challenge!

So, the answer is simple! The Pope Rally Call is intended to strengthen the unity between Airmen, inspire dedication to the Pope missions and communicate our complete commitment to our joint partners.

"Ready Now" definitely embodies the warrior spirit of Pope. Our recent involvement supporting Operation Unified Response, the humanitarian

relief effort in Haiti, proved that we have to be "Ready Now!" when our nation calls. And, there are plenty of examples ... less than two hours after Pope learned that Airmen would likely support the Joint Task Force mission in Haiti, including the deployment of the 2nd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division, the base was fully operational to support upcoming missions and taskings.

A young lieutenant from the 18th Weather Squadron, who spent more than two weeks in Haiti for Operation Unified Response, was literally given only two hours to report to his assigned Army unit before he

found out he was deploying to Haiti, but he was "ready."

The 21st Special Tactics Squadron dispatched special operators who quickly enabled the flow of much needed follow-on aircraft.

The 440th Airlift Wing's maintainers and aircrews launched a series of C-130 missions to affect the on-time delivery of the Assault Command Post.

The 43rd Force Support Squadron was "ready" when they heard they had to prepare an evacuation reception plan for possible American citizens evacuating Haiti ... and their plan proved they were "Ready

Now".

The Port Dawgs from 3rd Aerial Port Squadron were "ready" from the very beginning when the Army's enormous stockpile of cargo began arriving in the cargo yard. The list goes on and on, and I am sure everyone on base could describe how they had to be "Ready Now" when they were called.

That's the gist of the Pope Rally Call, so now when we hear someone say or yell "Team Pope", "Pope Field", "Pope" or even when Soldiers from Bragg say "Airborne" or "All the way" we should respond with "Ready NOW!" Because we are!

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COURTESY PHOTO

Senior Airman Daniel Carr, 43rd Communications Squadron, sings for the judges during his recent 10-day audition for Tops in Blue. Airman Carr was chosen to be among the 35 performers who will take part in the 2010 Tops in Blue tour, which will travel throughout the states and many countries overseas to entertain military servicemembers.

Airman selected for Tops In Blue Show

By Rhonda Griffin
Staff writer

Being in the center stage spotlight in front of crowds of people, traveling from place to place for performances and providing entertainment to help build the morale of United States servicemembers sounds like a dream. And that dream will soon come true for Senior Airman Daniel Carr, 43rd Communications Squadron. Airman Carr had no idea when he learned to play the trombone in junior high school that one day it would earn him

a spot in the 2010 Tops in Blue tour. After several years of playing the trombone in concert band, the Airman also began to pick out tunes on his sister's guitar, which he continued through college. "I heard about Tops in Blue through a pop up on the Pope Web site," he said, "and I just decided to send in an application. I had to submit a couple of videos online to apply, and a little later I was told that I had been chosen to come to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for 10 days to audition." Out of more than 300

applications Air Force wide, Airman Carr was one of about 60 people who auditioned for this year's performance. "It was one of the most interesting, horrifying experiences of my life," he said with a laugh. "I was definitely out of my comfort zone. But as terrifying as it was, it was an awesome experience just to get to audition." Though he admitted to being quite nervous through the 10 days of auditions, which including singing, dancing, playing guitar and trombone, and even juggling oranges, he

put everything he had into his routines to try to win his place in the show, regardless of his self-proclaimed shyness. In the end, however, he felt a bit defeated upon his return to Pope, he said. Anxiously awaiting the outcome of the auditions, the Airman's friends here on base tried to lend a hand by keeping him busy. And after what seemed like endless days of waiting for the results, Airman Carr was told during the Haiti luncheon on Feb. 18 that he had, indeed, made the cut. Of the talents he showed during

the auditions at Lackland, he was chosen to perform for his first love of playing trombone. "I leave March 9 to go to staging at Lackland, where we will learn the choreography and the music, and how to set up and tear down the stage, which we will be responsible for on the road," he said. "Then we will travel for the next nine months. I've never been deployed, and I will get to go overseas to entertain our deployed servicemembers." While it may sound like a walk in the park to travel around to various Air Force bases throughout the United States and overseas to sing, dance and play music, the days will be long

and tiring. Instead of a road crew to handle the building and hauling, the performers work to bring the entire performance together from beginning to end. "We were told to expect about 18-hour days and to not expect more than maybe one day off here and there," Airman Carr said. "But I miss it, and that's how I know I want to do this." Again, with the help of his Pope friends, Airman Carr is doing all he can to prepare for his newest adventure. "I play an instrument as well," said his roommate and co-worker, Senior Airman Steven Brumley, 43rd CS. "So, since his audition we've been playing a lot of music together so he can practice sight-reading and playing with other instrumentalists again." Airman Carr has an endless amount of support and optimism to lead him on his way through his travels with Tops in Blue. "Upon hearing of his acceptance into Tops in Blue, I told him I wanted pictures and autographs so I can prove that I knew him before he made it big," said Senior Airman Jessica Swiercinsky, 43rd CS. "He is an exceptional musician, and I have no doubt that he will do amazing things in his newest adventure." "He is so talented, I knew he would make it," said Senior Airman Karla Crapser. "I'm so happy for him and I wish him the best of luck!" "I hope this opportunity helps to build his confidence and helps him improve as a musician and performer," Airman Brumley said. "We're going to miss him, but we all want to see him succeed and do well as he pursues Tops in Blue."

Haiti Update: AMC Total Force provides hope to Haiti

by Capt. Jon Stock
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill — One day after an earthquake devastated the island nation of Haiti Jan. 12, Air Mobility Command along with its Total Force partners began operations to support the crippled nation. Since Operation Unified Relief operations launched, more than 10,000 AMC active-duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units around the globe have responded in support of the humanitarian mission. "The support Air Mobility Command provided, and continues to provide, after the earthquake in Haiti has been the largest, most concentrated disaster response I've seen in my 25-year Air Force career," said Col. Brian Reno, director of the 618th TACC's Contingency Response Cell for Operation Unified Response. "The Contingency Response Cell was running for 30 days straight, which is the longest activation the CRC has seen since 9/11. The men and women of AMC, starting here at the TACC, did a phenomenal job planning,

tasking and executing missions to support relief efforts, all while continuing to meet the needs of forces deployed around the world, including those engaged in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom." AMC has flown more than 400 missions into Port-au-Prince delivering nearly 6,000 support personnel and 19 million pounds of cargo. More than 15,000 American citizens have been evacuated by AMC through the Haitian airfield while 223 Haitian critical patients have been aeromedically evacuated to the United States. More than 30.5 million pounds were offloaded at the aerial port in Haiti by AMC personnel as well. "During a recent 60-day deployment to the busiest aerial port in Afghanistan, we moved around 80 million pounds of cargo with about 115 aerial porters. That's a lot of weight," said Master Sgt. Shannon Koenigstein, the aerial port lead for the 817th Contingency Response Group. "In our first 10 days on the ground here in Haiti, we had already moved more than 12 million pounds of cargo with 20 porters. The initial pace of operations here was blazing."

AMC air-refueling tankers were also in the relief operations keeping cargo aircraft in the air, flying 40 air-refueling sorties and delivering more than 130,000 gallons of fuel to 45 aircraft. Additionally, AMC air delivered more than 246,000 pounds of critical supplies such as water and Meals Ready-to-Eat through four missions using five aircraft. "This has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life," said Col. Patrick Hollrah, commander of the Joint Task Force-Port Opening air element in Haiti. "For the first couple weeks, this airport was the main hub of humanitarian relief coming into Haiti. The 120 Airmen and 50 Soldiers I had the pleasure of serving with here were the difference between supplies sitting at the airport and supplies flowing out to the people who need them. They made a visible impact on this operation, and they can



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. ALVIN JOHNSON

Col. Todd Wall takes time out from his job to hold a Haitian baby for a mother who was asleep from exhaustion Jan. 21, at Toussaint L'Ouverture International Airport in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

go home proud of what they were able to accomplish."

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POPE TALKS

By Senior Airman Kris Levasseur
Editor

What does the Airmen's Creed mean to you?



"It's the embodiment of our global reach and warrior mentality."

— Staff Sgt. William Feliciano
43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron



"It's something we live and breathe; it is our 4th core value."

— Capt. Lesiah Harris
43rd Medical Operations Squadron



"It defines what we portray as Airmen; we can walk with our heads held high because we have made the sacrifice to fight for what we believe in."

— Airman 1st Class Robert Gay
43rd Security Forces Squadron



"To me, the Airmen's Creed is a challenge to every Airman to lead by example."

— Senior Master Sgt. Patrick Kortsch
440th Security Forces Squadron



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but for Senior Airman Brandi Jackson, 43rd AES technician, this was the first time she was able to apply her training in a real world situation.

Speaking of her experience on her first mission, Airman Jackson said, "It was awesome to be able to put my training to good use. It was very humbling to see the situation in Haiti, but I'm glad we had the opportunity to help those in need."

This may have been the first mission Airman

Jackson participated in, but it was also a new experience for many of the 'seasoned' members of the 43rd AES.

"Our teams have evacuated a myriad of age populations, injuries and diagnosis that are unlike the traditional tactical AE missions that we're used to," said Captain Stiles. "Most missions from forward operating bases are manifested with patients who suffer from wounds of war; improvised explosive device blasts, gun shot wounds and sports and recreational injuries.

"Haiti is like an FOB in many aspects, but the patients we're bringing back are victims of a natural disaster and not an act of war," he added. "Their country didn't choose to enter into a war or take arms against an oppressor; they were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time and their wounds tell that story."

According to Captain Stiles, the squadron's ability to perform in austere conditions and their ability to take action in a moment's notice is nothing short of amazing.

"I continue to be

extremely proud of what we as a squadron do and what we are able to accomplish in a very short amount of time," said the captain. "Our training enables us to accomplish the jobs we are tasked to do and our families provide the support in order to make that mission a success.

"Evacuating the victims and patients of the Haitian Earthquake has forced many servicemembers to re-prioritize what is most important," he added. "For us at the 43rd AES, realizing how fortunate we are and appreciating the little things everyday holds a much greater importance."

BRAC: Early registration

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to impacted employees who volunteer to participate in the early registration program.

Registration will also continue throughout the BRAC reduction.

To schedule an appointment, call 394-3071. Appointments will be scheduled in one-hour increments to allow enough time for individual counseling and questions. Prior to scheduling an appointment, employees must have, at a minimum, the following documents prepared:

- Resume
- Career Brief (Will be supplied by CPF)
- Supervisor certification as to Acceptable Level of Performance/Conduct (Have supervisors complete and return to Civilian Personnel Office)

Clinic: Post BRAC changes

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to come to the Pope Clinic for their care."

According to the colonel, Womack and the Pope Clinic have already begun working together to establish manning and customer care requirements to make the transition as seamless as possible.

"For ease of patient flow, Airmen will be seen in a separate part of the clinic than dependants and retirees, but everyone will continue to check in at the front desk," said Colonel Henry. "The changes at the clinic should almost be transparent to the customer. Because the Airmen and Soldiers will be working together, there will be no gap

in patient care during the transition and post-BRAC."

According to Capt. Stephen Williams, 43rd Medical Support Squadron, the changes will take place June 30, to coincide with the 43rd MDG's change to the 43rd Medical Squadron. On July 1, Womack will assume control over the clinic.

"All of the medical services currently provided at the Pope Clinic will remain after BRAC," said Captain Williams. "As a clinic patient, there will not be any noticeable change other than the uniform of the individual providing the service."

For more information, call the Pope Clinic at 394-1245.

We want to hear from you

Do you have a great story idea, photos from a Pope Air Force Base related event or training or want to voice your opinion on an issue or previous story? Maybe you have a suggestion on what you would like to see in future issues of the Carolina Flyer. We want to hear from you.

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PSA Scholarship

The Pope Spouses' Association invites dependents of active duty or retired Air Force members within a 50-mile radius of Pope Air Force Base to apply for the 2010 Pope Scholastic Achievement Scholarship. The three award categories include graduating high school seniors (\$750 to \$2,000 awards), continuing students (\$750 to \$2,000 awards) and spouses (\$750 to \$1,500 awards). To receive an application, contact the PSA at popespousesassociation@yahoo.com. Include "Scholarship" in the subject line. Applications for high school students are also available through high school guidance offices. Postmark deadline is April 1. E-mailed, faxed or hand delivered applications will not be accepted.

AFROTC Scholarship

The Scholarship for Outstanding Airmen program allows commanders the opportunity to select outstanding active duty Airmen for an ROTC scholarship. If selected, Airmen will be discharged from active duty to pursue a commission through AFROTC. The scholarship pays for college tuition and fees, plus a textbook allowance. A monthly, non-taxable allowance is also earned during the school year. AMC has nine quotas for SOAR, with Sept. 15 being the established deadline for applications to be received

at MAJCOM. For more information, contact the Education Center at 394-4692.

CCAF Cutoff Date

To be considered for graduation in the April class, the Community College of the Air Force must receive all documentation for degree candidate submissions and students must be enrolled in the degree program by today. For more information, call the Education Center at 394-4692.

Elite-to-Elite Program

The Elite-to-Elite Pilot Program is available to eligible Airmen who are separating from the Air Force and plan to remain in North Carolina. Interested Airmen must be N.C. residents to be eligible for the program. A letter from the commander and application deadlines are available on the EIM Web site. Applications are due no later than March 1.

National Prayer Breakfast

The Pope Chapel is hosting a national prayer breakfast at 7 a.m. March 19. The theme is "If We Only Knew" with guest speaker Chaplain (Col.) Conrado Navarro, Command Chaplain, AMC MAJCOM. A free breakfast buffet will be served. Dress is UOD/business casual. For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) John Key at 394-2677.

Party at the Library

Come to the Pope Library for an afternoon of Seuss-sational activities based on the beloved tales of Dr. Seuss from 4:30 until 6 p.m. March 5. The

entire family will enjoy stories, crafts and a fun birthday party. For more information, call 394-2195.

Run For The Troops

Fort Bragg USO 5K Run for the Troops is March 6 at Fayetteville Technical Community College, Parking Lot 5, Hull Road, Fayetteville. Late registration and packet pick up is at 7:30 a.m. with the run/walk beginning at 8:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.uso-nc.org.

AFOSI

AFOSI is seeking motivated noncommissioned officers, staff sergeants, technical sergeants and officers, 2nd lieutenant to captain, to join an elite force of federal agents. Those who are interested in a career in federal investigations are invited to a recruitment brief in the Family Center Building Auditorium at 1 p.m. March 15.

Fit Family Program

The Fit Family Program encourages Air Force families to make smart choices and live active lives together through fitness, nutrition and overall wellness. Families can track their progress toward family fun, family sports and fitness and family nutrition to earn points for incentives. Visit www.USAFFitFamily.com to register.

Carolina Hurricanes

The Carolina Hurricanes honor servicemembers as they face off against the Boston Bruins March 16 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for advanced purchase only to military personnel in the

Lower Level and Club Level for \$25 and in the Upper Level for \$10. Tickets are first-come, first-serve and subject to availability. They are available at hurricanes.nhl.com/militarynight. Enter special promotional code: MILITARY.

DePLAYment Tags

Those whose spouse or sponsor was or will be deployed between July 1, 2009 and July 31, 2010 may be eligible for a special DePLAYment Tag that brings free or reduced price benefits for the family. For more information, call 394-1189.

Biltmore Estate

Tickets for the Biltmore Estate in Asheville are now available at ITT. The Biltmore Estate is one of North Carolina's best destinations for art, culture, fine wine, gourmet cuisine, adventure, outdoor recreation and shopping. Through March 15, adult tickets are \$43 each and free for youth 15 and under. For more information, call 394-4478.

Yadkin Road HOV Lane

The right in-bound lane at the Yadkin Road Access Control Point is now for High Occupancy Vehicles only. Vehicles must have two or more occupants in order to take advantage of this lane. The designated HOV lane is in effect Monday through Friday, between 5:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Drivers who violate the HOV restrictions will be turned around at the gate and will be subject to a \$100 citation. For more information, call 907-5301/396-5387.



PHOTO BY TRACY DEVEAULT

Drug Education for Youth campers met Jan. 23 for a class about Conflict Resolution.

Drug education for youth event

By Tracy DeVeault
43rd Medical Operations Squadron

Drug Education for Youth campers met Jan. 23 for a class about Conflict Resolution. Following the class, DEFY mentor Airman 1st Class Brittany Murphy, 3rd Aerial Port Squadron, coordinated an equipment static display and explained the squadron's support of the Haiti relief efforts to the DEFY campers.

Senior Airman John Linder, a DEFY mentor assigned to 3rd APS, explained how the 60k loader, which holds up to 60,000 pounds of equipment, and the 10k fork lift, that holds 10,000 pounds of cargo, are used to load aircraft. The 60k loader and forklift are instrumental for loading the aircraft with relief supplies. The campers also had an opportunity to climb in a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled



Vehicle that will soon be flown to Haiti to support the relief mission.

Kenneth Breeden, Golden Knights chief maintenance officer, talked to the campers about the Twin Otter plane used by the Golden Knight competition team and the Fokker that the demonstration team uses during air shows throughout the United States.

(Editor's note: for more photos of the DEFY event, see pages 6 and 7.)

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Black economic empowerment

By Michael Sydnor
43rd Force Support Squadron

Black history month is upon us once again. This year’s theme is “The History of Black Economic Empowerment.” Economic empowerment means different things to different people, but for most, it signifies a means to become wealthy.

I did some Internet research in regards to economic empowerment and came across many interesting Web sites and links. One of the most interesting was about “Financial Empowerment Initiatives.” FEIs are usually offered by organizations ranging from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to financial institutions and universities designed to advocate for increased access to credit, capital, and financial services in order to create wealth.

The term “wealth” is a relative term. For some it may be reaching millionaire status and others are satisfied with a lot less, it kind of depends on where you started.

When we consider role models to pattern ourselves after to obtain economic success, we think of moguls like Madam C.J. Walker, the first black female millionaire, or Robert Johnson, the first black billionaire. For me, I think of someone on a lot smaller scale, relatively speaking of course. When I think of an entrepreneur who inspired me, I think about a lady who ran a successful cleaning business until she retired.

She was born in 1938 to a sharecropper in Virginia, one generation removed from slavery. Growing up, not a lot of emphasis was placed on education because everyone had to pitch in to work for the family’s survival. She dropped out of school in the 7th grade. Over the years she worked many low paying jobs to

help support the family. One task she was especially good at was cleaning houses. Being good at housekeeping minimized her time in the tobacco fields, which is not pleasant work.

In the late seventies, with her cleaning experience, she obtained a public job working in the housekeeping department at a local hospital. While working there, her work ethic, honesty and ability to grasp tasks that other more educated people seemed to find complex, lead to various promotions to positions of leadership. Because the job did not pay well, she continued to do side jobs cleaning houses for wealthy people. Some of those associations lead to her cleaning a few office buildings. The owner was so pleased with her work, she wanted to contract other offices and recommend her services to others, but she would need to have a business license to venture into legitimate contracts. At a certain point, she had more side work than she could handle and had to start turning away customers.

She started to dream of having her own business. She knew several of the professional cleaners in town, and knew she did as good, if not better work than most of them, and felt she could do it at a competitive price. When she started talking to friends, family and relatives about the potential of starting her own business, the general consensus was she didn’t have the education or know-how to run a business. Although she did not have much “formal” education, she had plenty of education. When she dropped out of school at a young age, she never stopped educating herself. She was always reading books and learning from those who had expertise in things she did not. One of her long time

customers and friends was an accountant. The accountant friend encouraged her to strike out on her own, and offered to handle her business finances in exchange for services. Reluctantly and against the advice of family, she started her own business and an entrepreneur was born.

In her first year she turned a profit and in all subsequent years of business never showed a loss. She purchased her dream car, a Cadillac, after only a year and a half in business. She was living the American dream. Relatively speaking, she had achieved economic empowerment and wealth.

That lady was my mother. She encouraged me to strive for more than the status quo, and instilled in me the belief that with perseverance, hard work and the right attitude, you can accomplish anything you set out to do. I attribute her “lead by example” attitude to my success. I stayed in school because of her; I joined the Air Force because I wanted more out of life and I was the first in the family to graduate college, all of which I attribute to her example. Her accomplishment inspired other youngsters, friends and family members and has lead to the economic empowerment of many people.

I encourage everyone to embrace Black History Month regardless of race, creed, color or ethnic origin. We encounter people every day in our lives who are success stories on some level that should give us inspiration. For every famous millionaire and billionaire, somewhere in that person’s life they encountered a person who inspired them to be successful. It is stories like these all over America that embody the purpose of Black History Month and the theme of this year’s celebration.

Traumatic Stress Response Team

By Major Darrick Cunningham
43rd Medical Operations Squadron

Coping with the emotional aftermath of a traumatic event can be hard. But people at Pope don’t have to face it alone.

The Traumatic Stress Response team, formerly known as the Critical Incident Stress Management team, is a group of 18 to 20 representatives from the Mental Health Flight, the Airman and Family Readiness Center and the Base Chapel that helps prepare people for what they may face before dealing with a traumatic event, such as the aftermath of an airplane crash, clean up of a natural disaster site or coping with what they’ve witnessed after the fact. The commander-driven program, which serves active-duty military, civilians and contractors in on-base organizations, takes a personable and malleable approach to helping people cope with unusual traumatic events than the former CISM.

TSR is flexible and geared toward meeting the needs of the commander, who can initiate the TSR team because of a tragedy within a squadron, a group, a flight or an element. The commander calls the TSR chief and states, “Here’s what I want,” or “What do you suggest?”

TSR teams are part of a Department of Defense-directed initiative which

operates under Air Force Instruction 44-153 at each Air Force base.

Both before and after an event, the TSR Team explains how to distinguish between normal and abnormal symptoms when dealing with a traumatic event and what actions to take. The team performs what is referred to as “psychological first aid” when a traumatic events occurs.

Different from CISM, TSR teams can meet both group and individuals needs by offering briefings and individual counseling.


Individuals are allotted four undocumented counseling sessions to work through problems dealing with stress after a traumatic event has impacted them. Most times, especially with traumas, people are extremely resilient, often demonstrating recovery, in two or three sessions.

TSR is an extraordinarily important program for the Air Force, because it is directly linked to getting personnel back to work with as little down time as possible. This relates directly to personnel remaining mission ready, which is paramount.

Personnel who need help beyond the four traumatic event related counseling sessions may get further assistance from the Base Chapel, AFRC, Military & Family Life Consultant, Military One Source or the Mental Health Flight.

“If you are about to retire and enter the civilian work force, you should carefully review your tax withholding for both federal and state taxes to reflect the changes in your financial situation. Once you retire, you generally become a resident of whatever state you’re living in and may be subject to state income tax.”

~ Pope Tax Center, 394-2834





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Drinking and driving

By Capt. Darris Johnson
43rd Communications Squadron

Hoping I could catch someone before they decided to drink and drive,
Wanted to speak to the real facts so that everyone may stay alive.
Every 40 minutes, statistics show that a drunk driver takes a life,
I can't even imagine living after losing my child, parents or wife.
When you do the simple math, well that's 36 lives a day, This figure isn't global either, just what we lose in the USA.
What some call having fun, well "without a plan" is truly dumb, There are many responsible decisions; staying at home, taxis, just to name some.
Ages 21-24 make up the highest DUI rates, As 35 percent of fatal collisions is what this group is charged with to date.
When you compare someone who is 0.08 to someone who's had no alcohol,
Studies reveal they are 11 times more likely to be fatal-crash involved.
It's not something you can dance off or erase by eating a meal, Alcohol remains in the body up to six hours regardless how you feel.
Seventy-five percent of drunk drivers don't even wear their seat belt when they drive,
Clear and formidable evidence showcasing their lack of decision to decide.
They tell me weekends between midnight and 3 a.m. is when they really like to ride,
As 75 percent of crashes during this time credit alcohol as the reason someone has died.
This is a public service message to get the attention of everyone,
Hoping that you'd listen and share so that we might save someone!

(One Drink is "too" many to pick up the keys and drive!)

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Mandatory use of automated travel voucher applications

By Maj Michael Kwasnoski
43rd Comptroller Squadron

Because financial readiness contributes to mission readiness, it is critical that the Air Force provide prompt and accurate travel payments to our dedicated Total Force Airmen and civilians. To that end, the use of automated travel voucher applications reduces manual workload, directly reduces voucher errors, and increases prompt payment to our Airmen. So in an effort to improve customer service and streamline processes for non-Defense Travel System travel vouchers, AMC has mandated the use of

automated travel voucher applications.

Effective March 1, active duty and civilian employees are required to utilize automated travel voucher applications to file travel vouchers. The following table will assist members in determining which application to use:

■ Routine Business Travel
Defense Travel System
www.defensetravel.osd.mil

■ Contingency Travel
(Deployment Orders)
Defense Travel System
www.defensetravel.osd.mil

■ Permanent change of station (active duty only)
Permanent Change of

Station In-Processing System
https://efinancesworkspace.wpafb.af.mil

■ All other non-Reserve travel authorizations not covered above
eFinance
https://efinancesworkspace.wpafb.af.mil

Reservists are highly encouraged to use eFinance to file travel vouchers via the AF Portal or by using this link: **https://efinancesworkspace.wpafb.af.mil**. Access is available from any Internet connected computer with a common access card reader.



We want to hear from you

Do you have a great story idea, photos from a Pope Air Force Base related event or training or want to voice your opinion on an issue or previous story? Maybe you have a suggestion on what you would like to see in future issues of the Carolina Flyer. We want to hear from you.
Send story ideas and/or photos to **carolina.flyer@pope.af.mil**. All photos should be 300 dpi and include a short description of what's going on in the photo and include names, rank and unit of all individuals who are focal points.
Story submission should include name, rank and unit of author as well as a title. Accompanying photos should include photographer credit.
For information or questions, e-mail the staff at **carolina.flyer@pope.af.mil**.

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315 Ethridge Street
394-2677

Religious services

For bible studies call the chapel

Traditional service:

Sunday, 8 a.m. except second Sundays

Contemporary service:

Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Protestant Combined Worship:

11:30 a.m. the second Sunday of each month with potluck following services.

Sunday school (all ages):
10 a.m. at Pope Chapel

Catholic services:

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Daily Mass Mondays and Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

RCIA:

Contact 394-1856

CCD:

1:15 a.m. at Pope Elementary School

Services offered at Fort Bragg

Catholic service:

JFK Chapel, Ardennes Street, Saturday at 5 p.m. Confessions at 4 p.m.

Muslim or Orthodox Christian services

Call the Fort Bragg Chapel at 396-1121.

Officers' Christian Fellowship

Bible study on leadership, Wednesday at 6 a.m.

Jewish services

Contact the Faith Community Chapel Bldg. D-3733 Ardennes St. at 489-2094.

Wiccan ceremonies

The Watters Center on Fort Bragg holds an open circle Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

POPE SERVICES

Combat Support & Community Service

Kitty Hawk Inn

■ 394-4377
UTA weekend Sat. and Sun.:
Breakfast: 5:30 to 7:30 a.m.
Lunch: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner: 4 to 7 p.m.
Monday - Friday
Breakfast: 5:30 to 7 a.m.
Lunch: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner: 4 to 7 p.m.
Weekends, Holidays and downdays
Brunch: 7 a.m. to noon
Supper: 4 to 6 p.m.

Habaneros' Mexican Grill

■ 394-4580
Breakfast

Mon. - Frid.: 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Lunch
Daily: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Information, Tickets and Travel
■ 394-4478 or 394-5462
Mon. - Fri.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Library

■ 394-2195
Mon. - Thurs.: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Story time
Fri.: 4 p.m.
Tues.: 11 a.m.

Wood Shop

■ 394-5049
Tues. - Thurs.: 1 to 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

School Age Programs

■ 394-2869
Mon. - Fri.: 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Auto Hobby/Equipment Rental

■ 394-2293
Monday Closed
Tues. thru Thurs. : 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Fri. and Sat. : 9a.m to 5 p.m.

Community Center

394-2779
Closed for renovation

Bowling Center

■ 394-2891
Mon. and Tues.: 11 a.m. to

9 p.m.
Wed.: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Fri.: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.
Sat.: 9 a.m. to midnight
Sun. Holidays: 1 a.m. to 7 p.m

Willow Lakes Golf Course

■ 394-GOLF
Closed

Fitness Center

■ 394-2671
Mon. - Fri.: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sat. and Sun.: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Holidays and family days: 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Frame and Design Arts

■ 394-4192
Mon. and Tues.: 10 a.m. to

5 p.m.
Wed. and Thurs.: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Fri.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sat., Sun. and Holidays: Closed

Butler's Barber Shop

■ 394-4387
Mon. - Fri.: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mack's Barber Shop

■ 436-7718
Mon. - Fri.: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Child Development Center

■ 394-4323/2724
Mon. - Fri.: 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call Helenmarie Beaudion at 394-1189.

Pope Civilian Personnel Office job listings

■ **Fire Protection Inspector, GS-0081-08** Starting Annual Salary: \$43,519 **Description:** The purpose of this position is to perform fire prevention/ fire protection and inspection duties designed to detect and reduce or eliminate fire hazards in high fire expectancy area. Develops and conducts extensive fire protection and prevention education and training programs.

■ **Social Services Asst, GS-0186-07** Starting Annual Salary: \$39,295 **Description:** To conduct intake interviews with Family Advocacy Program clients, use advanced functions of word processing software and other FAP software to generate required FAP documents and reports.

■ **Attorney, YA-0905-02** Salary Cap \$40,093-\$91,801 **Description:** To serve as a legal advisor who provides support to management officials services by Pope Air Force Base in areas of labor law, environmental law, government contract law and various other civil law matters and issues.

■ **Contract Specialist, GS-1102-09** Starting Annual Salary: \$48,066 **Description:** To serve as a contracting team leader and a warranted contracting officer. To provide business advice to the customer and perform all preaward and postaward functions, using a wide range of contracting methods and types, to procure complex and construction.

■ **Air Transportation Specialist, GS-2101-11** Starting Annual Salary: \$58,155 **Description:** The primary purpose of the position is to serve as an aerial delivery contract quality assurance evaluator and assistant operations officer. This position will validate and develop contract requirement documents, procurement evaluation standards government cost estimates.

■ **IT Specialist, YA-2210-02** Salary Cap: \$40,093-\$91,801

Description: Incumbent consults with customers to identify specific system requirements; analyze and refine system requirements; translate system requirements into application prototypes; write, debug and maintain code; determine and design application architecture; determine output media/formats; designing user interfaces; test applications; integrate hardware and software components; write and maintain program documentation; evaluate new applications software technologies; integrate systems components (procedures, databases, policies, software and hardware); plan system implementation. Incumbent analyzes, develops and sustains systems in support of core business processes supported by the Command Information Office.

■ **IT Specialist, GS-2210-11** Starting Annual Salary: \$58,155 **Description:** To serve as the base Information Assurance Specialist who is the wing commander's authority and focal point for Information Assurance. Also manages the communication-computer security program, Air Force Electronic Key Management System, Emission Security and Information Assurance Awareness Programs.

■ **Secretary (Office Automation), GS-0318-05** Starting Annual Salary: \$31,723 **Description:** To serve as the principal office assistant performing various clerical and administrative duties in support of the organization, performing office automation duties such as word processing in support of the clerical and administrative work. **The Civilian Personnel office will provide updates each week.**

To apply for the job vacancies listed above, visit the following Web sites: **External applicants - www.usajobs.gov; Internal applicants - https://ww2.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb/search_by_state_nlo.asp.**

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MOVIES

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Friday: Avatar (PG-13)

Saturday: The Spy Next Door (PG) 4 p.m.; Book of Eli (R) 7 p.m.

Sunday: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeak-uel (PG) 4 p.m.; Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 7 p.m.

(Courtesy of www.aafes.com)

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and younger.

NEW RELEASE



The Wolfman

By Dawn Elizabeth Pandoliano
Staff Writer

After the recent slew of vampire movies, you knew there was going to be a werewolf movie. You may

have been expecting something along the lines of "Teen Wolf" meets "Team Jacob." What you didn't see coming was "The Wolfman." If there was ever a movie that Benicio Del Toro's face was perfect for, it's this one.

Set in early 19th Century England, "The Wolfman" tells the tale of a father (Anthony Hopkins) and his estranged son (Del Toro) and a terrifying secret. Lawrence Talbot (Del Toro) is a stage actor summoned back to England by his missing brother's fiancée, the beautiful Gwen

(Emily Blunt), after spending much of his life in America. This explains why he talks like 20th Century Benicio Del Toro while everyone else comes correct with their British accents. When it's discovered that his brother was mauled by a mysterious half-wolf, half-man creature, Lawrence vehemently vows to find his brother's killer. Well, he is only an actor, so he ends up being attacked by the beast in a gypsy camp while playing Sherlock Holmes. He then discovers what his father (Hopkins) has been hiding for

so many years and deals with some daddy issues.

If nothing else, this movie is predictable. It follows the tried and true, old-fashioned B-horror movies from way back and delivers with wolf howling, blood spattering, non-psychologically thrilling, over-achieving slasher flick plot and acting. This isn't "Teen Wolf," folks. There are no tween-age drama plot lines or pop tart romance. There is only a gross, overuse of violence and special effects blood, earning every bit of

its R rating.

Should you go see this movie? There is nothing great about it and yet you won't feel as if you've wasted your money if you go see it. It won't be up for any awards, unless they start giving props to over budget C-movie categories. When people get killed in this movie, it's an epic killing. I'm talking limbs torn from the body, claws through the face kind of killing that, although unnecessary, is what horror films should be.

Okay, so if you have children who are still scared of the dark, believe in the

Easter Bunny and still wait up for Santa and the Tooth Fairy, they are too young to see this movie. Guys, this is not a date movie unless she either asks you to take her or she owes you a favor because you went with her to see a chick flick. Kids, I dare you.

Starring: Benicio Del Toro, Emily Blunt and Anthony Hopkins.

Rated: R for bloody horror, violence and gore.

Check your local theater for times and listings.



Pope Community

Highlighting the events and people around Pope Air Force Base

Congressman visits Pope



PHOTO BY ROBERT BUCHANAN

Congressman Mike McIntyre visits Pope for briefing on Haiti relief operations by Col. James C. Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, and Col. Merle Hart, 440th Airlift Wing Commander.

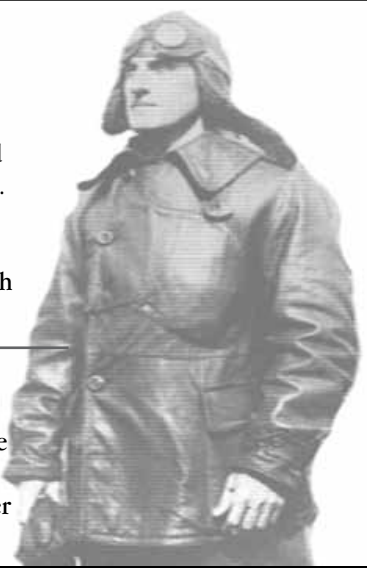


43rd Airlift Wing Mission Statement

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DEFY Program educates children

PHOTOS BY TRACY DEVEAULT

The Drug Education for Youth campers met Feb. 20, and travelled to Aversboro Civil War Museum in Dunn and surrounding battlefields. The DEFY curriculum discussed Conflict Resolution and the campers learned about one of the last civil war battles fought near Aversboro. Civil war battlefield reenactments are conducted near Aversboro and surrounding counties annually.



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